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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 37 and 40 and replace the original sheets including Figs. 36, 37 and 40.

In Figure 37, reference numerals 151, 153, 155 and 157 have been added.

In Figure 40, reference numeral 20 has been added and the position of the rotated connecting member 18 (indicated by phantom lines) has been changed so that the connecting member is shown in its over-rotated position in which it contacts the housing 20.

No new matter has been introduced.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheets (2 pages)  
Annotated Sheets Showing Change(s) (2 pages)

### REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are in the case. Claims 14-23 are under consideration, claims 1-13 and 24-26 having been withdrawn. Claims 14 and 18-22 have been amended herein and claims 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The drawings have been objected to on several grounds. The Examiner notes that distal end 153 has not been shown, and end surfaces 146 and 148 are not shown as contacting the housing 20. Reference numeral 153 has been added to FIG. 37, and FIG. 40 has been amended to show the rotated connecting member 18 (shown in phantom lines) contacting the housing 20. The Examiner also notes that "it is not understood where endpoints a, b, c and d are in relation to either finger 150 or 152." To clarify the position of endpoints a, b, c and d, Applicants have added reference numerals 155 and 157 to FIG. 37. It is believed that this addition clarifies where the endpoints shown in the side view of finger 150 (FIG. 37A) are located on each finger. The endpoints themselves cannot be indicated on FIG. 37 because they can only be seen from the side: they are the endpoints of the arcuate surfaces 155 and 157, which are only observable from the side (the general location of these surfaces is indicated in the front view, FIG. 37). Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments overcome the objections raised by the Examiner.

Claims 14-16 and 22 were rejected under Sec. 102(b) on Rozenkranc US Pat. 6,276,061, and claims 17-21 and 23 rejected under Sec. 103 on Rozenkranc in view of Apprille US Pat. 5,813,293.

Applicant refers to its Preliminary Amendment filed May 29, 2006, which it appears crossed in the mail with the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006.

Claim 14 is amended to recite that the trimming blade faces in a direction away from the first cutting region, as disclosed in the specification at the bottom of page 9 and e.g. Fig. 13. Claim 14 is also amended to include the features of dependent claims 15, 16 and 17. Claim 14 includes, solely as a matter of reading convenience, reference numerals (146, 148) indicating the load-bearing structures, as described at page 15, lines 15 to 22. These regions serve as shock absorbing regions, in the event of an abusive loading situation such as a severe drop, that might otherwise rotate the blade housing relative to the connecting member so far that part of the

connecting member near the cam follower might impinge on or damage the cam surface 216, which is a more pronounced problem for a cartridge so large as to have a multi-blade first cutting region as well as a trimming blade in the second cutting region.

At the outset, Applicant wishes to clarify the Examiner's understanding of the Apprille '293 reference. The Apprille '293 reference is incorporated in a commercial prior public use product of Applicant's assignee The Gillette Company marketed under the trade name "Mach3". Examiner identified in Apprille '293 the arms 28 and terminal portions 72. Examiner asserted that portions of the connecting member near the hole 74 act as rotation stop surfaces. Rather, to clarify the understanding, Examiner is referred to Figure 4, Figure 15 (bottom view) and Figure 13 of Apprille '293, attached in marked-up form as Exhibits to this Response. It is the front face of connecting arm 28, seen as a generally planar face in Figure 4 facing the viewer of the page and marked in handwritten notation as region "A" on Fig. 4, that interacts with a portion of the blade housing 16 shown in Figure 15 and also marked in hand as region "A", in the region of the recesses 132 [note, should be numbered 131, see text at col. 7, ln. 55-61] where the lead line for reference numeral 132 crosses the housing 16 in the location of the inner wall of that recess, that cooperate to act as opposing stop surfaces to limit forward rotation of the blade housing (forward in the sense of towards the guard region), as seen in Figure 18 as the solid-line showing towards the left. This is the forward rotation that is limited in order to utilize a trimmer blade mounted to a rear of a cartridge. For comparison, then again referring to Figure 4, the opposite, rearwardly facing surfaces of arms 28 (facing away from a viewer of the page of Fig. 4) marked in hand as region "B" and, see Fig. 15, the opposite wall structure of the housing 16 underside near recess labeled 132 that is not touched by the lead line of the reference numeral 132 and marked in hand as region "B" cooperate as opposing stop surfaces to limit rearward rotation of the blade unit (rearward in a sense towards the cap region), as seen in Fig. 18 as the dotted-line showing towards the right. A portion of this stop region is indicated in hand notation on Figure 13 as "B".

The Apprille '293 reference at Figure 18 also shows conventional normal pivot ranges below about 50 degrees, indicated by the double-arrow-headed arc.

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The amended claim 14 is not shown or suggested by Rozenkranc or Apprille '293 or a combination of those references, since they do not show or suggest a load-bearing surface on the connecting member arms that is contacted only when the housing is pivoted beyond a limit angle that is greater than the normal pivot angle.

Applicant files herewith an Information Disclosure Statement making of record its U.S. Pat. 6,161,287 (Swanson et al.).

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Replacement Formal Drwg. Sheets (2 pages)  
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2 pages marked 27/36 and 30/36)  
3 marked up pages Figs. 4, 15, 13 of Pat. 5,813,293 (Apprille)

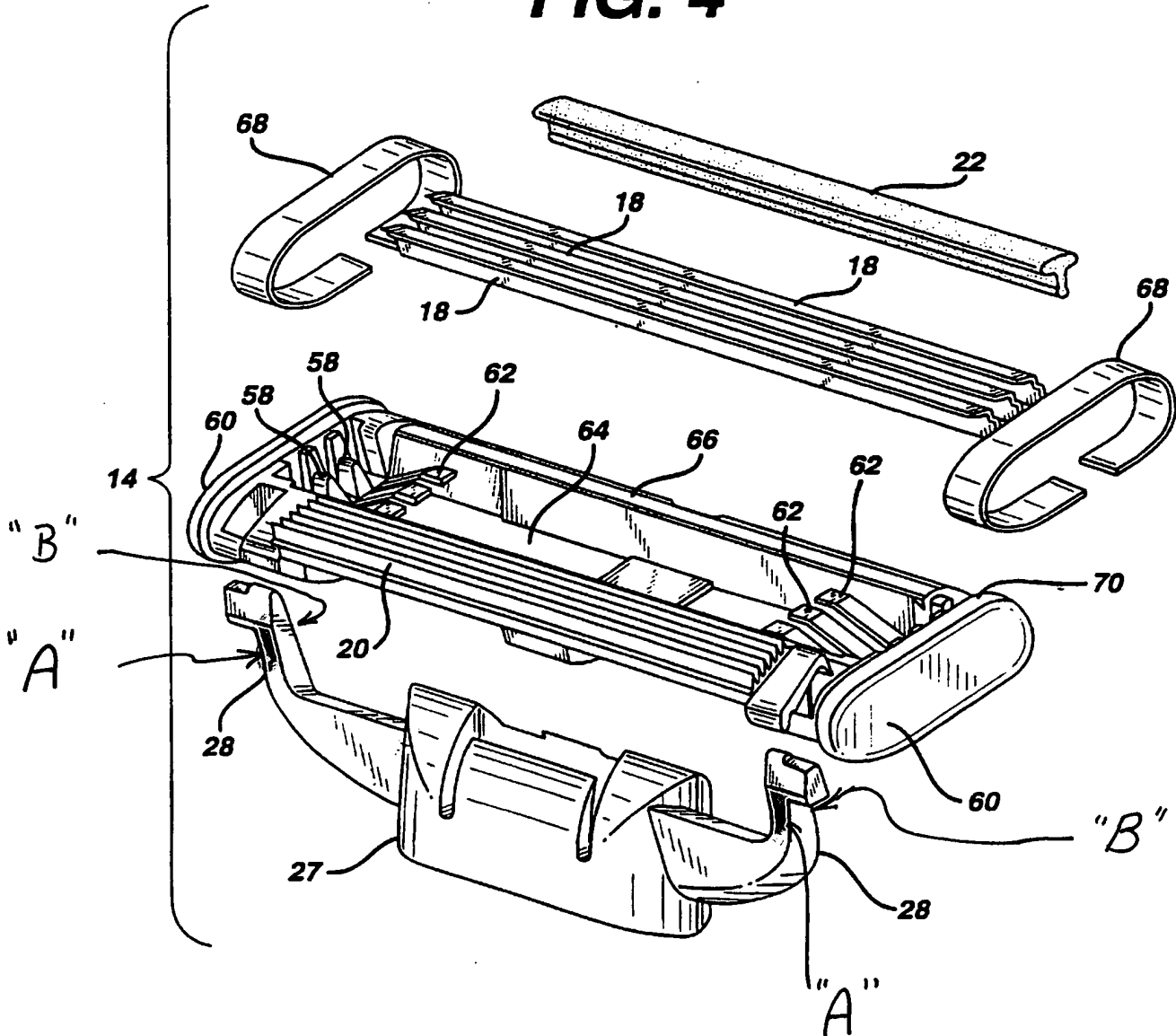
**FIG. 4**

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FIG. 13

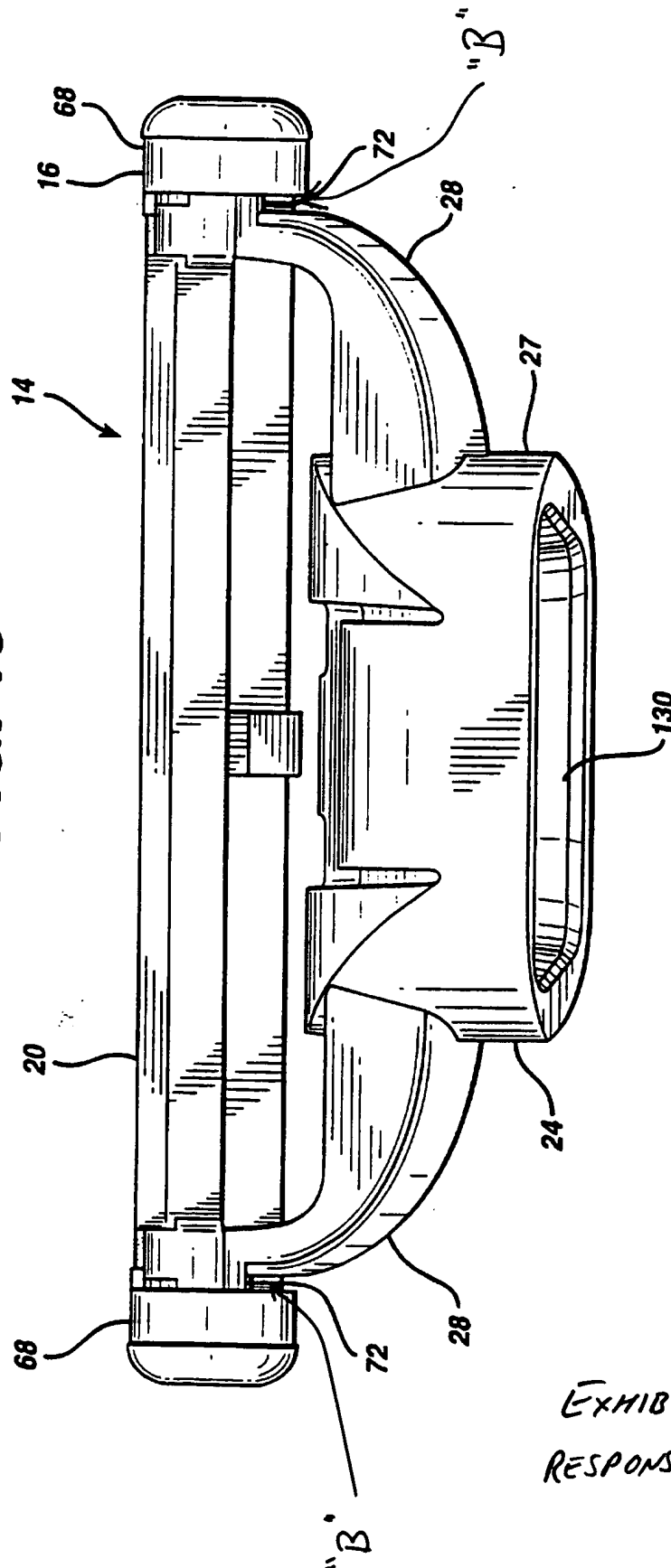


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FIG. 15

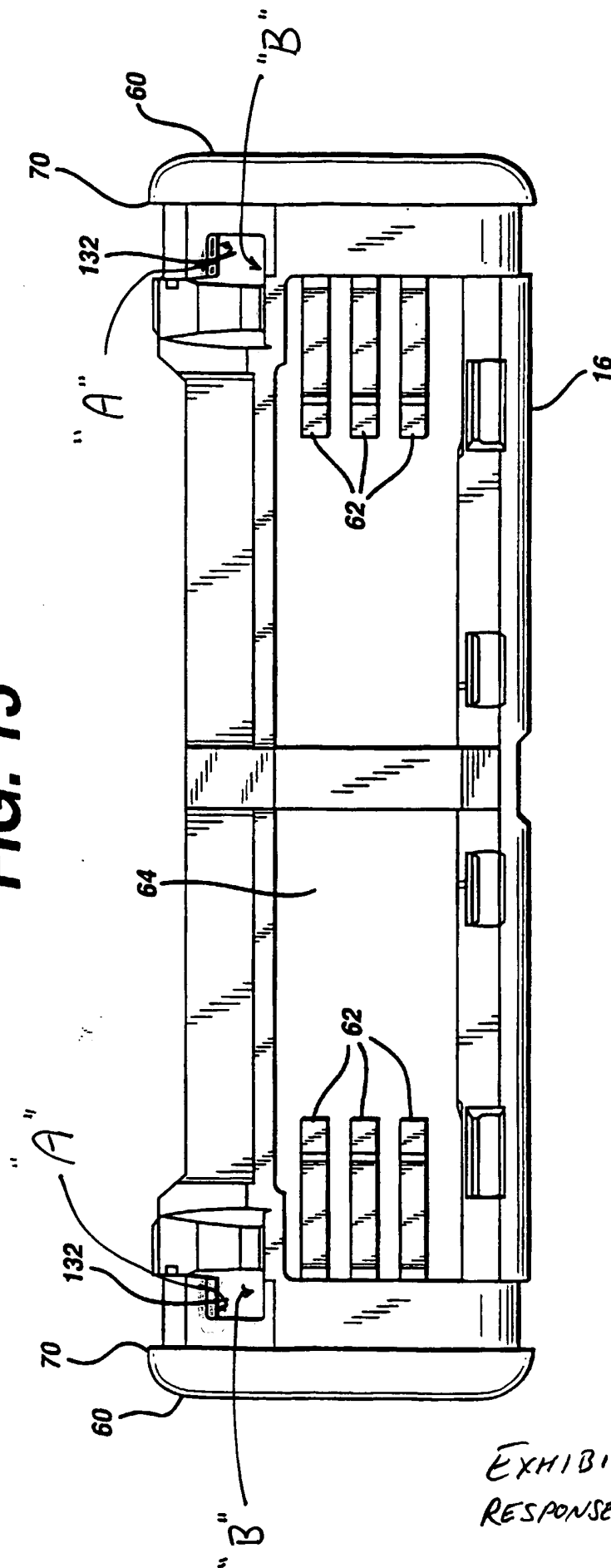


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